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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs
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FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Dallas World Affairs Council Speech, 18 September 1985

Attached is a portion of a speech I plan to make in Dallas on Wednesday. I'd appreciate any suggestions you could make as to how it might be made more accurate and precise or otherwise improved.

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Attachments

PERHAPS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN IN RECENT YEARS HAS SUPPORTED THE SOVIET DEPLOYMENT OF ITS SS-20 FORCE. THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD IN WHICH THE SOVIETS WERE BUILDING UP THEIR INTERMEDIATE RANGE NUCLEAR FORCE, THEY MAINTAINED AN ACTIVE MEASURES PROGRAM INTENDED TO LIMIT WESTERN OPTIONS. THE SOVIETS MANAGED TO PREVENT THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEUTRON WARHEAD IN THIS WAY. ALSO, THEY SERIOUSLY RETARDED NATO'S DEPLOYMENT OF ITS OWN INTERMEDIATE RANGE NUCLEAR FORCE-- THE PERSHING II AND CRUISE MISSILES--AND CREATED THE INTERNATIONAL IMPRESSION THAT THE SS-20 DEPLOYMENTS WERE A REACTION TO NATO NUCLEAR EFFORTS. IN FACT, AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE TRUTH IS EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE.

IT IS CLEAR THAT FOR THEM IT IS A HIGH PRIORITY TO IN SOME WAY STOP OR LIMIT PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE. THE SOVIETS HAVE THE ONLY WORKING BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE IN THE WORLD IN THE SYSTEM BUILT AROUND MOSCOW WHICH IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ABM TREATY. IN CONNECTION AND IN ADDITION TO THIS, THE SOVIETS HAVE PUT THEMSELVES IN A VERY STRONG POSITION IN MISSILE DEFENSE. THEY HAVE HAD THOUSANDS OF ENGINEERS WORKING ON DIRECTED ENERGY WEAPONS SINCE BEFORE THE ABM TREATY. IN LASER TECHNOLOGIES, THEY ARE IN A COMPARABLE OR HIGHLY COMPETITIVE POSITION WITH THE U.S. IN PARTICLE BEAM AND MICROWAVE TECHNOLOGIES, THEY MAY HAVE THE EDGE IN SOME IMPORTANT AREAS.

SOVIET EFFORTS ARE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SOME OF THEIR FINEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS. THE MOST VOCAL SOVIET SCIENTISTS

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LOBBYING AGAINST THE U.S. STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE HAVE THEMSELVES BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN SOVIET RESEARCH REQUIRED FOR STRATEGIC MISSILE DEFENSE. THE SOVIETS ARE ALSO UPGRADING THEIR ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE DEPLOYMENTS AT MOSCOW. THIS ACTIVITY DEVELOPS LAUNCHES, RADARS, AND PRODUCTION LINES WHICH COULD GIVE THE SOVIETS A RUNNING START TO EXTEND MISSILE DEFENSE PRODUCTION TO KEY TARGETS ELSEWHERE IN THE SOVIET UNION.

THE SOVIETS HAVE, IN VIOLATION OF THE AMB TREATY, BUILT A RADAR IN SIBERIA WHICH, WITH OTHER RADAR INSTALLATIONS BUILT FOR THE AUTHORIZED MISSILE DEFENSE IN MOSCOW AND FOR OTHER TRACKING PURPOSES, PROVIDE THE EARLY WARNING AND TRACKING FOR THE KIND OF STRATEGIC DEFENSE CONTEMPLATED BY THE AMERICAN SDI. THE SCIENTISTS WHO ARE TELLING THE WEST THAT SDI WILL NOT WORK AND IS THREATENING TO THE PEACE CONTINUED TO BE ENGAGED IN RESEARCH, TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF MISSILE DEFENSES, SOME OF WHICH ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE ABM TREATY, SOME OF WHICH GO BEYOND IT.

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS THE USSR HAS BEEN DEVELOPING ONE OF ITS MOST INTENSE ACTIVE MEASURES PROGRAMS EVER IN REACTION TO PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE. THEIR CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN AIMED AT FRIGHTENING OUR NATO ALLIES INTO BELIEVING THAT SDI MEANS THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR UMBRELLA--IRONIC, GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE NUCLEAR UMBRELLA EXISTS TO PROTECT WESTERN EUROPE FROM SOVIET NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL. THE ANTI-SDI CAMPAIGN SIMULTANEOUSLY SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUPS TO VIEW THE SDI PROGRAM AS

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THREATENING AN INCREASE IN THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, WHEN IN FACT IT PROMISES THE OPPOSITE. THIS CAMPAIGN HAS ENCOURAGED AND GIVEN WIDER DISSEMINATION TO THE VIEWS OF SOME WESTERN SCIENTISTS WHO ARGUE THAT SDI IS TECHNICALLY INFEASIBLE. HERE WE HAVE ANOTHER IRONY, SINCE THE USSR HAS PURSUED ITS OWN VERSION OF SDI FOR YEARS, DEVELOPING MANY OF THESE "INFEASIBLE" TECHNOLOGIES, AT AN INVESTMENT OF BILLIONS OF RUBLES. ALSO, MANY OF THE SOVIET EXPERTS WHO HAVE PUBLICLY JOINED WESTERN SCIENTISTS IN CRITICIZING SDI GAINED THEIR EXPERTISE WORKING ON THE SOVIET PROGRAM--AND ARE STILL DEVELOPING THAT EXPERTISE, I MIGHT ADD.

THE SOVIET ANTI-SDI DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN HAS DRAMATICALLY INCREASED ITS TEMPO SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE REAGAN-GORBACHEV SUMMIT SET FOR THIS FALL. THE CAMPAIGN HAS MOVED INTO THE ECONOMIC ARENA, RAISING FEARS OF A "BRAIN DRAIN" FROM EUROPE IF THE U.S. BEGINS TO SPEND HEAVILY ON SDI RESEARCH. SOVIET DISINFORMATION EFFORTS HAVE REACHED INTO THE UN, SEEKING TO ALIGN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AGAINST SDI WITH ARGUMENTS SUCH AS THIS PROGRAM WILL INITIATE A SPACE RACE--CONSUMING RESOURCES AND FUNDS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE DEVOTED TO FEEDING AND DEVELOPING THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. TODAY THERE ARE NEWS STORIES AND POSITION PAPERS PURPORTING TO SHOW THAT THE AMERICAN SDI PROGRAM THREATENS THE PEACEFUL USE OF SPACE BY THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, AND ENDANGERS THEIR COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES BY INFRINGING ON THIRD WORLD BROADCAST FREQUENCIES.

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IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS INTENSIFYING CAMPAIGN IS INTENDED TO ACCOMPLISH. THE PURPOSE OF THE CURRENT SOVIET ACTIVE MEASURES CAMPAIGN IS TO LIMIT PRESIDENT REAGAN'S POLITICAL FLEXIBILITY BEFORE THE SUMMIT. ITS TACTICAL GOALS ARE DESIGNED TO MOBILIZE OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT REAGAN'S DEFENSE PROGRAM--AND PARTICULARLY SDI--WITHIN THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE AND ON CAPITOL HILL. THIS CAMPAIGN ATTEMPTS TO BRING THE WIDEST RANGE OF ECONOMIC, MORAL, POLITICAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES TO BEAR ON THE PRESIDENT IN AN EFFORT TO FORCE HIM TO SURRENDER SOME OR ALL OF HIS SDI PROGRAM. AND THIS AT A TIME WHEN THE SOVIETS ARE INCREASING THEIR OWN STRATEGIC DEFENSE EFFORTS.

FINALLY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU AND ALL OTHER AMERICANS UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAR WILL NOT END WITH THE SUMMIT. RATHER, IT WILL SIMPLY SHIFT FOCUS AND INTENSIFY. THE PERSISTENCE OF THE "ACTIVE MEASURES" STRUGGLE BEING WAGED AGAINST US BY THE USSR AND ITS ALLIES MAY BE ONE OF THE MOST INSIDIOUS ASPECTS OF THE SOVIET EFFORT--BECAUSE IT PLAYS TO THE NATURAL INCLINATION OF AMERICANS TO "GET THE JOB DONE" AND THEN GET BACK "TO BUSINESS AS USUAL." THUS, WE MUST ALL REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF REMAINING INFORMED AND ALERT TO THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD AROUND US IF WE ARE TO PRESERVE THOSE INSTITUTIONS AND FREEDOMS WE ALL CHERISH. IT IS PRECISELY TO THESE ENDS THAT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS YOURS CONTINUE TO PERFORM SUCH OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO YOUR COUNTRY.